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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **Election Procedure for Vacant Ward 6 Council Seat**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts-** Today, New Bedford City Solicitor Irene B. Schall informed the Mayor and the City Council that the late Councillor Pimental's Ward 6 seat will remain vacant until the expiration of this term, as there are less than six months remaining in his term.

As there was no other qualified candidate for the Ward 6 seat, there will be no primary. At the general citywide election on November 6, neither the late Councillor Pimental's name nor any other name will appear on the ballot for Ward 6 Councillor. The Ward 6 race will be a "write in" or "sticker" race only, the outcome to be determined by the highest number of such qualified votes in that Ward for the Ward Council position. City Solicitor Schall conferred with Attorney Michelle Tassinari, Legal Counsel to the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office who confirmed that, in light of the pending general election, the vacancy must be filled by a "write in" or "sticker" candidate on the ballot at the time of the general election.

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